



Fire Information: 877-683-1184

#### July 24<sup>th</sup> Indian Fire Update

The fire continued to slowly back down into the Cabin and Indian Creek drainages today as a result of increased temperatures and lower relative humidity. Air resources continued to drop water on hot spots. At night as the fire has been backing down towards the Indian Creek Road, engines are patrolling the perimeter enabling them to check the fire's progress along the road. The fire is now at 1214 acres and 25% contained.

A number of Hotshot crews are spiked out in various locations along the northern contingency lines they are constructing. Several crews are engaged in direct line construction on the eastern corner of the fire. Dozers have been improving road access along the northern contingency line in an effort to assist crew transport to that area.

A significant warming and drying trend is moving into the area Sunday through Monday. This could bring an increase in fire activity, torching trees and limited spotting, adding to the probability of more smoke in the local area. Crews are working hard to have contingency lines, structure prep and road improvements completed Sunday in preparation for this event. One of the dangers to firefighters is "rollouts". Because of steep terrain, burning debris has a high likelihood of breaking loose, rolling downhill and spreading fire across containment lines.

On July 23, the Salmon-Challis National Forest officials issued an emergency road closure in the immediate fire area to provide protection to forest visitors from the current safety hazards, such as rolling rocks and fire traffic on narrow roads. Roads affected include Sage Creek Rd, Indian Creek Rd, and roads East of Squaw Creek Rd. Visit <http://www.inciweb.org> to view the closure order, emergency road closure map and additional fire data.